## Here's Something People Ought To Know About Doings Of Militaristic Interests

(Special Correspondence.)

(Washington.-A state-wide, nation-wide campaign for compulsory military service is now under way, thanks to the machinations of the National Security League, one of the most powerful and richest of the propaganda organizations for militarism. Bills have been framed by the central headquarters and will be introduced this winter in every state in the union. At the same time, moves are under way to force the same kind of legislation thru congress.

This information comes from a "confidential" bulletin of the National Security League. Parts of this bulletin, which has fallen into the hands of your correspondent, are as follows:

"Several important recommendations on physical and military training in the schools of the United States, recommendation of the adoption of a system of universal military training under Federal control based upon a proper modification of the Swiss and Australian system, and for a commit-

tee to arrange with Senator Chamberlain | frame a bill for such training which should | military training at the election which ocfor hearing on his universal military training bill in the early part of the next session of Congress, have been prepared for the consideration of the excutive committee of the National Security League. It is pointed out in these recommendations that as legislation for physical and military training in the schools is purely a state matter, legislation to this end can be secured only thru state legislatures and therefore it is sug-

be introduced in each of the forty-one legislatures which meet next January. Senator Chamberlain has been asked to advise the League as to his program for the next session; whether he intends to press his measure, and what, in his opinion, are its chances for consideration. It is also recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of introducing in Congress at the next session a bill providing for a gested that a committee be appointed to referendum vote on the subject of universal if they can!

curs two years hence for members of Congress; and also another committee to prepare a report on the defects in the National Defense Act and that every effort be made to secure the amendment of this measure at the next session of Congress.'

Fore-warned is fore-armed.

Let the people know what the militaristic interests are doing-and then let them do it,

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ALLOT DAY is over—now back to the bullets again! That may well be the rallying cry of the master class in these days of darkness.

The masters of bread will have much need for bullets in the days that are coming, when the sleeping masses awaken from the hypnotic spell cast over them by the presidential campaign just closed.

An epoch making opportunity presented itself on Tuesday, November 7th, to the great mass of the people, to settle peacefully and quietly some of the great fundamental problems of the day.

The great mass of the people passed this opportunity by.

They voted for one or the other of the candidates put up by the enemies of the great mass of the people.

They voted against the peaceful settlement of society's great problems.

So the bullet law will continue to reign in the land for four years more. Revolting masses of humanity, here and there thruout the land, will rise, some this month, some next month, some next year, to be shot down in the great struggle for more bread, more comfort, more shelter, more happiness.

### WILSON IN AGAIN.

WOODROW Wilson has been re-elected president.

He was re-elected by the votes of the masses. The "reactionary South" joined hands with the so-called "Progressive West."

During Wilson's first administration we had the bloody revolts in the coal fields of West Virginia and Colorado, in the hop fields of California, in the copper empire of Upper Michigan, in the Standard Oil City of Bayonne, N. J., on the iron range of Northern Minnesota.

Scores were murdered, men, women and children. Hundreds were beaten, wounded and starved. Suffering reigned; happiness almost died.

That was the starter of Wilson's reign in the White House. What will his second term bring forth? We predict more, much more of the same!

### WE'RE NOT SORRY!

SOCIALISTS are not sorry over the election's results. Socialists have no time to be sorry. They have only time to plan for the future and struggle on with new courage born of the hope eternal. We hoped for two states, one U.S. senator,

eight congressmen, one large city, many state legislators. We got one congressman. We captured the city—Minneapolis, Minn. We elected more than a score of legis-

lators in a dozen states. Many counties and smaller positions fell into our hands. We hoped for two million votes. Indications are that we shall now have to be satis-

fied with one million or even less. We hoped that the workers would show increased solidarity born of a growing intel-

ligence. Instead they were divided more than ever along racial lines and swayed as never before by the politician's empty preelection promises.

What we had hoped for would have proved a bulwark against the increasing persecution of the master class.

The hoped-for bulwark did not materialize. The masses voted for fighting persecution with bare fists—they voted for the bullets, for suffering, for death.

### WAR CLOUDS GATHER.

SOCIALISM did not create or bring into being the war of the classes. Capitalism did that. The capitalist system lives on the struggle between the exploiters and the wage earners. Abolish exploitation and capitalism

Exploitation and capitalism won on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, and as a result capitalism and exploitation are very much alive. The class war, with the re-election of President Wilson, will become more bitter than ever be-

FIRST:—Every railroad in the country, on the day after the election, rallied its forces to fight the Adamson eight hour law. The battle will be fought out in the courts and the courts are owned by the master class.

SECOND:-The American Federation of Labor, meeting at Baltimore, Md., in annual convention, declared it would oppose all attempts to impose compulsory arbitration upon the workers of the land.

XTHIRD:—President Wilson, whom the officials of the American Federation of Labor tried to help re-elect, has announced himself in favor of compulsory arbitration and has promised our railroad monarchs he will help write compulsory arbitration into the law of the land.

FOURTH:—The officials of the four railroad brotherhoods, who also tried to help reelect President Wilson, declare compulsory arbitration to be but a polite term for human slavery under the wages system.

FIFTH: - To every threat made by the big railroad corporations, the railroad workers

Thus we might go on and on to show what has really taken place as a result of this election, what this result means to the masses of the people, every result being an argument to show that the masses again went wrong, that they voted against themselves. And Wall Street laughs!

#### \* \* \* \* WATCH HIM!

WATCH THE President! Watch his every move!

Watchfully wait and see if the President has changed from the time he sat silently by and allowed King Rockefeller to lead his army of assassins against the helpless women and babes of Ludlow, Colo.

"He gave us the eight hour law!" cry the seas.

Where Will President Wilson Stand When The Fighting Begins?

behind the effort to nullify the Adamson eight-hour law. He has trustified the anti-labor

hate of the nation into the National Industrial Conference Board just organized in New York

City. This board is backed by \$8,000,000,000 capital and includes in its membership 15,000

officials of corporations belonging to twelve of the largest national associations of industrial

employers. The firms represented in this new labor crushing organization employ approxi-

mately 7,000,000 workers. Where will President Wilson stand when the fighting begins?

J. Pierpont Morgan, with the great financial interests he represents, is the driving force

tells the farmer when the poverty-stricken, | outs, conscription laws, compulsory arbitrahungry masses cry for bread, and the storage houses bulge with the products of our fields. Incidentally he scolds the "middleman," but the profit system goes merrily on with its work of robbing and plundering.

"Make more guns and bullets!" is the cry that comes from Washington as the preelection shibboleth, "He kept us out of war," of the master White House politician, is laid on the shelf to gather dust and decay.

"More foreign markets! More! More!" the greedy cry of our profiteers, bringing loud applause from Washington, as the nation's pocket book is pinched to the last cent by rising prices, as the things we need to feed, clothe and shelter ourselves go across the tion laws, higher food costs, increasing unemployment, the presence of an unrelenting winter, silence by the mute politician in the White House, now that Election Day has passed; all these and more will contribute their share toward the awakening of the masses. Once awake, our work of education is again made easy.

We have Meyer London in congress. He will speak to the nation in thunder notes with our help. We must see that his utterances, in printed form, reach millions of men and women anxious to know the truth.

We have more than a score of lawmakers in a dozen state legislatures. We must support them with all the power we possess. County and municipal officials can help.

This national crisis is cause for a thousand mass meetings of protest and education the nation over. The Socialist Party should take the lead in holding these meetings.

The first regular monthly distribution of literature will take place Sunday, January 7. This distribution, and the regular distributions to follow, will be a great and growing factor in arousing and educating the masses. See that the territory in which you live is

Join hands with other organizations of labor in building up the co-operative movement. As co-operatives grow in strength and power, the workingclass becomes more selfreliant, more unafraid to face the domineering overlords of capitalism.

All this we can do, and more. We can help build up the party press, add to the party membership, develop our organization in new and untried directions.

Ballot Day, Nov. 7, 1916, is over. Let us strive anew to be more than ever prepared

for the next Ballot Day. WANTED! Stout hearts to face this new

national crisis!

## OPEN THE WAY!

THEN, when the next Ballot Day is over, the master class will not dare go back to the bullets to crush the masses into greater subjection.

And then, and then only, the way to our ultimate goal, a new civilization, the Cooperative Commonwealth, will lie broad and unobstructed before us.

have made but one reply—the counter threat | to strike. Everyone knows that a national railroad strike will be nothing short of civil

SIXTH:—Hunger! It is the greatest breeder of viclence. Its strength is growing unchecked everywhere in the land. There are food nots in war stricken Europe. Yet the belligerent peoples of the lands across the sea pay less for food than the docile masses of America. And while the revolting sufferers of Europe live from hand to mouth, the docile sufferers of America are silent in the shadow of huge storage houses bulging with things to eat held by the food pirates plotting to extort increased profits from the masses. What solution does President Wilson offer. None, but the bullet solution. Wait and see!

SEVENTH:—By re-electing Wilson the masses, by referendum vote, declare themselves in favor of the \$662,476,512 bullet appropriations for 1917 made by the Wilson administration.

EIGHTH:—Don't go to sleep feeling that this vast sum will be used to shoot up the Mexicans, or shoot down the workers of some other foreign land in order that foreign markets may be found for the surplus, stolen products of robbed American labor.

NINTH:-Wilson acquiesced in the murder of workers in every strike that took place during his first administration. He has not changed. How much of that \$662,476,512 worth of powder and lead will be used against American workers by American soldiers during the next four years? Wait and see! You wont have to wait long!

TENTH:—By re-electing Wilson, the masses, by referendum vote, endorsed the diabolical schemes of the hideous National Security League, which is now planning to fasten its tentacles on all the public schools in the nation. It is planning to bring about in every other state, this winter, what has already been brought to pass in New York stateconscription for bullet duty of men, forced military education for future bullet duty of

ELEVENTH:-By re-electing Wilson, the masses, by referendum vote, endorsed "the draft". The President was given the power to "draft" men into the army, to make mankillers out of them against their own better wishes and desires.

misled of labor.

The Colorado coal miners had an eighthour law on the statute books of their state. They were on strike to enforce it. The President didn't take their side against Rocke-

But, don't you remember, Rockefeller personally endorsed President Wilson for reelection, and Rockefeller knows what he is doing.

Keep this in mind!

THREATS ARE WEAK. THE PRESIDENT of one of the railroad brotherhoods says:

"Any railroad that attempts to cancel the present schedule of hours and pay, or refuses to put the eight-hour day into effect, will find itself with a strike on its hands, law or no law".

This sounds like an idle threat. Why threaten strike now with Wilson re-elected? Or do the railroad brotherhood heads already realize how little he gave us when, 'He gave us the eight-hour law"? Do they already realize how little a help the President will be in helping them to enforce the Adamson law?

The master class, supported by its puppet politicians, is well nigh impregnable on the industrial battle field. It therefore laughs at strike threats.

A startling increase in the Socialist vote would have been a real threat; capable of chilling the marrow in the bones of the selfsatisfied plutocracy.

### NATIONAL CONTROL.

LIKEWISE the threat of national ownership of the railroads. Do the railroad workers expect any aid from the President? He didn't heed the plea of the 500,000 coal miners when they asked for the national ownership of the mines in the fight against the coal barons in Colorado and the copper barons in Michigan and Arizona.

We predict that the President will be as deaf to the national ownership plea of the railroad workers as he was to the national ownership plea of the mine workers. And then he was stone deaf. Remember that!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

"Produce more!" shouts the President, and the more we produce the more we pay and the less we have, that is, we, the masses

## HOW WE ARE ROBBED.

HOW DOES it help us to produce more? Here are some facts just compiled by Basil M. Manly, the chief statistician of the President's late Commission on Industrial Relations, about the slaves of the steel trust.

In 1914 the average earnings of the Steel Trust employes, including salaried officials and all kinds of laborers, was \$76 a month and by June, 1916, it had increased to only \$90 a month, or a little more than 18 per cent. This increase takes into account the steadier employment and increased overtime in 1916, and is taken directly from the statement of the corporation itself.

Now, compare with this the increase in the Steel Trust's net earnings, which were \$60,727,979 for the first nine months of 1914 and \$227,656,739 for the corresponding period of 1916. This is an increase of 272 per cent! The steel workers' share increased a little

less than one-fifth, while the steel barons' share increased more than thirteen-fifths. PURCHASES LESS. OWING to the increase in the cost of liv-

ing, the Steel Trust employes could actually purchase LESS food and other necessaries of life in June, 1916, with his \$90 earnings than he could in 1914 with his \$76. "More! More!" cries the President, and the

profit-takers gleefully gloat over the streaming gold that pours into their treasure chests. the coined suffering and sorrow now, not only of the human wreckage of Europe, but of the struggling, sweating, starving toilers of America. The President laughs to scorn an embargo

on the things we need. No embargo for him. "FEED THE WAR AND STARVE AMER-ICA!" is the White House battle cry to the glutted profiteers. Bleed the nation white to feed the war and enrich the few. WHAT A SPECTACLE IN A CIVILIZED LAND! THIS IS THE NEWEST NATIONAL CRISIS! WHAT CAN WE DO TO MEET

WHAT CAN WE DO?

## THE FORCE of events, from day to day,

will probably do more than anything else to "PRODUCE MORE!" President Wilson | force the masses wide awake. Strikes, lock-

## Now Is The Time!

There is no better time than now to get new readers for your party's paper.

Don't go to sleep for four years and then expect great things in the next presidential election in 1920. You can't roll up a big Socialist vote at

the last minute. You must keep everlasting-The American Socialist is going to contain

some great reading matter this winter. Meyer London will be on the job again at Washington next month. Big things will come up during the months that follow. Beginning in January a host of Socialist will be on the job in many state legislatures. Another Socialist city administration will soon take up the reins of government, this time in Minneapolis, Minn.

Your paper will tell all about these big things from week to week. It is just the kind of reading matter you want to pass on to non-Socialists.

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Don't be a coward.

## The Epoch Maker

By JOHN M. WORK. RE YOU one of those who ask, "What will people say?" Yes?
Then you are an ignominious slave.

You are a coward.

You are a nonentity. You are no good to yourself or anybody else. You might as well be dead.

Suppose Jesus Christ had asked, "What will people say?" Suppose Socrates had asked, "What will people say?" Suppose Charles Darwin had asked, "What will people say?" Suppose Susan B. Anthony had asked, "What will people say?"

Suppose any of the really great men and women of history had asked this question.

They would not have been great. They would not have helped to move the been stationary.

the world forward. They would have been stationary.

The epoch makers of all ages have scorned this question. They have

thought for themselves. They have boldly laid their epoch making thoughts before the people.

SUFFERED?

Of course they have suffered in a way.

But the joy of being true to themselves—of being true to the best that was in them-far outweighed the suffering. They were hounded, traduced, insulted, ostracised, and maligned.

Their lives were worth living because they helped the world forward. The lives of their maligners were not worth living, because they tried to make the world stand still.

YOU can comfortably conform to the prevailing views of things, and slide thru the world a failure. Or you can take your stand for progress, be the consequences what they may, and make your life a success.

Be an epoch maker.

## Wooing Labor's Vote

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

Washington.—Wilson aims to woo the labor vote for the next four years by a series of harmless reform measures. Among them may be mentioned these, none of which will reduce the graft of the capitalists: Convict labor law.

Bureau of Labor Safety (to save money for the manufacturers.)

Extension of Bureau of Mines (ditto). More unemployment exchanges.

And that's all. For further information, write Woodrow Wilson and consult the Democratic platform.

### Socialist Enters The Ministry Of Denmark

The American Socialist has just received a statement from Theodore Stauning, national secretary of the Danish Socialist Party, ttating the conditions and explaining the reasons why he became a member of the Danish ministry. He asks that this statement be published in The American Socialist. It is as follows:

To the Socialists of America:—

You know, perhaps, that the Danish Parliament has recently resolved to add to the ministry three representatives of those parties which, till now, have been outside the government, and that I have been chosen by the Socialist Party to enter the ministry as the socialist representative.

This induces me to send you some terest to you, tho it has taken place in a small country.

At the outbreak of the war, there existed a Government, formed by the so-called radical Left (liberals), with the support, as to certain questions, of the Social-Democracy. The Government had a majority of 28 per cent of the members of the folkething and this we have now obtained. Lower House-32, and as the Social-Democracy disposes of the same num-Danish Parliament.

#### Plan To Keep Out Of War.

The Social-Democracy resolved, questions, and its foreign politics aimed at an absolute neutrality, without any intent of profit or gain. The Social-Democracy was, moreover, perfectly convinced that this Government would, in every way possible, use its best endeavours to prevent the country from being drawn into the misfortunes of a war.

exerted itself strenucusly to help the ministry does not resign, but, to lower classes in their struggle with prevent new conflicts of a similar However, this caused much indignath the three political parties now outside tion among the farmers, because the introduction of maximum prices, and, eventually, of dispossession, prevent- are, moreover, to discuss, when they ed them from obtaining high export think it necessary, all matters of posprices for as large a quantity as possible conflicts, with their party.

Sible of their products. The higher

During these debates, we have tried sible of their products. The higher over, inheritances and income, special-

ly due to the war, were also taxed. Certain jingoistic, conservative to the new arrangement. newspapers, without much support from the population, have continued to exploit this situation, and when a question arose as to the sale of the States of America, they eagerly seized this opportunity of attacking the Government. The Danish West-Indies consist of three small islands (St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. Jan). A campaign of artificial patriotism was this representative. papers dominated as it seemed public impression abroad was, I think, that of State. the Government, and especially the ministry of foreign affairs, were severely attacked.

The Conservative and the Agrarian Party now declared that:

- 1. The islands must not be sold.
- 2. Elections were to be held. 3. The Government was to resign.

this question about the cession of the cerning our entering ministries. West Indian Islands is an old affair. It had already been discussed several authority within the population, and times, the last time in 1902, when think that we have prevented new the proposal was adopted by the serious conflicts, which, at present,

folkething, but not by the senate, tho orly by an equal number of votes.

Sale Of West Indies Favored. But the real state of things is not console themselves by saying that it istered by the company officials and to be doubted. The greater majority would all be different had the bearded the income distributed in the usual of the Danish Parliament is in favor lady been elected. of a sale. The whole of the liberal Party, the Party of the Government, cause the vote did not increase as had the Social Democracy, and a certain been expected. There is no ground number of conservatives support the for such discouragment. Quite to the

The Agrarian Party and the Jingoists only use this affair to create a political situation, that may end in election, when the capitalist papers

Thus it will be understood that the Social-Democracy could not desire tinue to "feed the war and starve elections at this moment, first, be- America" and coin fabulous fortunes cause dangerous misunderstandings particulars about this change, in abroad might be the consequence, order to make you understand our position and motives, as I suppose that this event may be of some in
of an ultra-conservative and jingoistic character.

Our object was then, first to come to a conclusion as to the sale of the islands mentioned; this is a question of considerable importance, also from a foreign point of view.

to preserve the radical Government,-At a certain moment of the discus-

sions, the King caused deliberations Eight Hour Law declared unconstituber of seats, it was supported by 64 to be held as to the possibility of a so- tional or made inoperative. members of the Parliament, that is called rallying ministry. Within this, to say, by about 56 per cent of the there were to be, say 3 members from each party. The Socialists were willing to discuss this project, and to choose representatives to enter the liott who crowned the scab the true new ministry, with the assent, of type of American hero. And so did further, to support this ministry course, of our Party Congress. But Samuel Gompers, the president of the after the outbreak of the war. The politics of the Cabinet were, as to the difficulties existing between the Strange how Wilson can be the satispolitics of the Cabinet were, as to many questions, nearly identical with different points of view of the political parties were too great to be overtained and military of the Socialists, espectively call parties were too great to be overtained and military of the Socialists, espectively call parties were too great to be overtained and military of the Cabinet nave resigned and it is probable that the whole Hughes conflicting elements.

When the Adamson eight hour law and out. In many respects this Australian willow. cal parties were too great to be come. But at last, however, a new arrangement was agreed to by all. This definite result was a great victory strongly favored a compulsory arbable political campaign that has been waged in any country this year. The Democracy.

An arrangement was thus consented to as to the sale of the Danish West-Indies. The question is to be examined anew by a parliamentary committee, and, afterwards, all Danish electors are to give their votes And our hopes have not been de- as to the sale or non-sale. New ceived; the ministry has, moreover, elections are not to be held, and the ne present economical difficulties. nature, a representative from each of

classes, too, were not content, owing to find other expedients, but in vain. The plan now carried thru was agreed to the voting of special tax-laws, with increasing tax-scales according to by all the other parties, and, if political tranquility were to be maintained in our country, and no new from 6.000 Kr. (\$1.500) a year. Moreclasses, too, were not content, owing to find other expedients, but in vain. such a law. ultra patriotic agitation to begin anew, the condition was, that the social-democrats, too, would consent

Stauning Is Chosen Minister.

The Party Congress was then summoned, and resolved to agree to the Danish West-Indies to the United new order of things by nine-tenths of the votes-291 voted pro, 32 voted against. The Party was thus to delegate a representative to enter the ministry, and, at the proposal of our

I have then been nominated minopinion. Party and personal interests, however, were intimately mixed up course, to participate in all councils with this apparent patriotism, but the of the ministers, and in the councils

Parliamentary Group, I continue my their welfare. functions as a President of the Fraction, and of the general political

cumstances have, in this case, been extraordinary, and we consider our-selves to be in perfect agreement with the resolutions of the Inter-Here, it must be borne in mind that national socialistic congresses, con-

In this way, we have increased our

must be a principal point of view as to the political position of our coun-Moreover, our influence as to the advantage of the working classes has not at all diminished, and it is with confidence that we look forward to the end of this unhappy war, and hope that after the con-clusion of peace, the victory of soc-ialism will be more certain than ever. With socialistic greetings!

## Stung!

Th. Stauning.

By ADOLPH GERMER

National Secretary Socialist Party. It is already dawning upon a large portion of those working-men who supported Wilson that they have been stung. Those who supported Hughes But the real state of things is not console themselves by saying that it

> Some Socialists are discouraged becontrary, we have every reason to be

During the very first week after new elections, followed by a new Government.

are asking for an embargo on food stuffs, Wilson says there is "nothing doing". The speculators must conwhile the great mass of people find it more precarious each day to make both ends meet.

Sure, He'll Investigate.

Of course, the Professor President will have the matter investigated. Is there anything under the heavens that Labor party. has not been investigated? And what has become of those investigations?

I have pointed out before that Judge Lovett of the Union Pacific was one Then, to avoid new elections, and of the railroad heads who actively supported Wilson in the recent campaign and his was the first road to go into the courts to have the Adamson

roads. Labor unions were called upon protesting against such a law as he favored. It was at that time strongly rumored that he promised the railficialdom was split off the party. roads a law similar to the Canadian disputes act, imported into this country by McKenzie King, the Rockefeller agent. King introduced the law in Colorado and Rockefeller's last administration three years ago as constitutional. The case has been solved thru three courts. The ordinate Well

According to recent press reports Wilson is still in favor of compulsory arbitration—and the element that was loudest during the campaign, in proclaiming him the savior of the race is now up in arms protesting against

being saved will have it impressed secure a conviction. upon them that they were STUNG.

Teach Workers Lesson.

It will teach them not to waver from the true working class political parliamentary group, I was appointed, path if they ever expect to make real progress.

Let us hope that the workers will profit by the costly experience of the recent campaign and finally get their bearings. In time they will learn that their only hope is in the Socialist Party, the only political party in this According to the resolution of the country that stands unfalteringly for

The capitalist class and their agents have played into our hands before. They will do it again. We must be and becated arising a state of the same agus into San Francisco bay that have accorded it more careful sagus into San Francisco bay that have accor organization of the Party.
You will understand that the cirever on the job to make the most of They will do it again. We must be

> Are we civilized? Writing in the National Geographic Magazine, O. F. Cook, botanist of the National Geographic Society and Yale University expedition to Peru in 1915, and of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pays a high tribute to the wonderful civilization of the Incas., who have frequently been referred to as maintaining a socialistic system, which was only 2 cents an hour and pay for overtime.
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> foods soar to fictitious and almost partly the fact. Mr. Cook declares
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> \* \* \* \* prohibitive figures, while gamblers in that the Incas possessed the most complete agricultural system and social organization ever known, and as a contrast he quotes from the will of the Spanish conqueror, Marcio Serra, who died in Cuzco, Peru, in 1589: "The said Incas governed in such a way that in all the land neither a thief nor a vicious man, nor a bad dishonest woman was known. men all had honest and profitable employment. The woods and mines and all kinds of property were so divided that each man knew what belonged to him, and there were no lawsuits. The Incas were feared, obeyed and respected by their subjects as a race very capable of governing; but we took away their land, and placed it took away ineir land, and placed it under the crown of Spain, and made them subjects. We have destroyed this people by our bad examples. Crimes were once so little known among them that an Indian with 100,000 pieces of gold and silver in his house left it open, only placing a little stick across the door as the sign that the master was out, and nobody went in. But when they saw that we placed locks and keys on our doors, they understood that it was from fear of thieves, and when they saw that we had thieves amongst us they despised us."

## IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayea.

HE RUBBER barons of Akron their non-union wage-slaves despite the "voluntary" increases in wages don't they do it? and shorter workday that have been granted recently to keep the men in a docile mood. So many individual workers have been quitting their jobs lately that the Firestone Co. has patch, dated New York taken the lead in holding out a bait of "social welfare," in the shape of a million-dollar fund to be utilized for insurance and pension purposes. That is, the rubber workers get the million dollars, but don't get it. It is said the amount will be invested and adminpaternalistic manner, the details of which have not as yet been given out, but will doubtless follow the "welfare' plans of the Lake Carriers' Associa tion, Steel Trust, Pullman Co. and other feudal concerns which never let go of real money or permit the work ers to get their fingers on it.

IT IS announced from London that the British government has entered upon a new and more vigorous policy f suppressing peace advocates. Petitions bearing hundreds of thousands of signatures have been filed with Parliament urging that steps be taken to end the war. In Wales the authorities have been particularly active in bers of unions and the Independent

NEW ZEALAND government has modified its conscription law by expanting the miners. The law was battle arrive. passed by a Liberal-Conservative coalition several months ago, the Labor-Socialist minority opposing it solidly. The miners threatened to paralyze the country with a general meetings, carries the "Socialist label" strike if any of their members were strike if any of their members were Politics do make strange bed-fel-lows. Several heads of the large railwas necessary at home as "a war measure."

in a vote of 2,000,000. Three memable political campaign that has been waged in any country this year. The a Socialist. occasional brief announcements in to send telegrams and resolutions cables that the Labor Party was split on the issue of conscription were only true in the sense that egotistical of-

> ance provides for a fine and jail sentence for each violation. A contractor tested the law and the case was stubbornly fought, the city claimwhat material should be used in let-

DAVID CAPLAN is again on trial on this matter, he has written the at Los Angeles for alleged complicity in the McNamara case. Caplan was "In the campaign just closed my of him.

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It gave an III into the Wilson camp in the hope of being saved will have it impressed secure a conviction.

liquidated a debt in its watery transaction amounting to \$16.000,000 and that men of greed had bought the expects to close the year with a capital of \$65,000,000 upon which more dividends will be collected in the fut-

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THE LEATHER Trust, closely afand boosted prices in a manner that prices in the open market might be but he can tell you what the Socialis is putting the Print Paper Trust, maintained. Flour Trust and their ilk to shame and at the same time bringing joy while farmer-producers and multimilto the highbinders who are in the lionaire-distributors have quarreled combine.

THE THREATENED strike on the the granting of material concessions ter pay for runs and overtime, while not lowered in the open market. the yard men receive an increase of

THE THREATENED railway strike in England has been avoided by a compromise agreement. The men demanded an increase of \$5 per week and accepted \$2.50 for those over 18 years of age and \$1.25 a week f r those less than that age.

## Brief Compilation

Industrial Commission Report.

This compilation is in vest ocket form and contains extracts from the report of the Commission. These extracts were made by Fred Warren. The booklet is

issued by the People's College.
The report of this Commission is one of the most stunning documents ever issued by the United States Government and the gist of it should be in the possession of every socialist. For the small sum of 10c this compilation can be secured, and no one should be without it. Copies may be ordered from the Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill

That the present war crisis is pointing toward the ultimate victory of socialism over monarchism and militarism. was the conviction voiced by prominent Baptist clergymen attending the final session of the 109th annual Baptist Missionary convention of are again becoming rather nervous at the signs of dissatisfaction that are being manifested by their non-union wage-slaves despite Bible in terms of Socialism. Well. why

## "Socialists"

We read in a capitalist press dispatch. dated New York. November 10 the following paragraph:

"Present returns show the Socialists made gains in the vote for state candidates thruout the country. The indication is that the national ticket would have polled considerably more votes but for the reace and labor slogans of President Wilson's campaigners. While the vote estimated at present for Benson is from 10 to 30 per cent better than the Debs vote of 1912. Socialists believe that Wilson received from 500,000 to 600.000 Socialist votes. Benson ran far behind state and congressional tickets thruout the country."

Wilson did not get any Socialist votes We hold that a man who votes the Socialist ticket to-day and a capitalist to-morrow has never been a Socialist. Yes, he may have taught he was, but in fact he wasn't.

The man or woman who understands the fundamental principles of seizing literature and arresting peace Socialism and the aims and objects agitators, many of whom are mem- of the Socialist movement will not permit themselves to be carried off their feet by capitalist spellbinders in times of political campaigns. They will stand by their own working class

in times of peace. For him the Social-

The moment the Socialist Party concentrates its army to move toward the front, toward the battle ground LATEST and unofficial returns our sport Socialist deserts the army show that conscription was defeated of his own class, fleeing into the in Australia by about 75,000 majority enemy's camp. In times of political peace it is easy to be a Socialistbut when the political class battle is on, when the fight for the cause of Socialism and Labor under the banner begins, the man, by his conduct and action must prove that he is really

What do you call the man who affiliates with a Trade Union and carries the Union button in times of decides to go into battle and strike, THE WISCONSIN Supreme Court capitalist employer and bids his Union good-bye?

Do you still call him a Trade Union-

Well, what do you call him?

SO THE PRESIDENT MAY KNOW Frederick D. Wood, of Chicago, spoke and voted for President Wilson ing that it had as much right to fix during the recent campaign, but he the working conditions as to designate isn't at all satisfied with the manner in which the administration is handling the food cost question. Just to wake up the White House politician on this matter he had been politician on this matter.

vegetables, as they had bought the

fruit and for the same reasons.
"I have known of acres of potatoes that have been plowed under or into which hogs have been turned to root, and have been told by those who know—and care—that men of greed had been the socialist party advocates. We know that the average member of the Socialist party and socialist party advocates. That is why you are paying 50 to which hogs have been turned to root, had bought these potatoes, as they bought the fruit and vegetables and for the same reasons.

> "I have known of men of greed to "I have known babies to starve

over the price at which milk shall be sold.
"I have read in the public prints

Canadian Pacific railway by the com- of carloads of vegetables being held bined employes has been prevented by in the railroad yards of a great city, demurrage paid thereon and the pro to the road men in the matter of bet- duct allowed to spoil, that prices be "I have seen the prices of grain

> these commodities have looked with indifference and unconcern upon the constantly rising cost of bread. "I have read in the public prints further toward the North Pole of coal being held at the mines and several thousand miles because on cars in railroad yards, that the persisted in agitating among the price to the consumer be forced still

"The list could be continued ad nauseum, but 'enough is enough.'"
Well, how about it, Mr. President.

Let Socialists take warnings and knowledge. The possessing class is getting ready to give the people a few more crumbs of what is theirs in order to keep them from taking

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## To Our Friends and Comrades!

N BEHALF of the comrades of the Fifth District of Indiana and myself as their candidate for congress in particular, I wish to make acknowledgment thru The American Socialist of the many favors received and the

substantial support given us in our campaign. To the national executive committee for their liberal financial contributions and expressions of good will, to the national secretary for his personal encouragement and his official support, to The American Socialist for its unflagging allegiance and its freely rendered service thru the entire campaign, to the many socialist speakers who came into the district and who worked with tireless energy and unfaltering faithfulness for our success, to our campaign manager, Noble Wilson, and our assistant campaign manager, Maynard Shipley, who contributed unreservedly their ability and strength and worked early and late to achieve victory for our party, to the local and visiting comrades who volunteered and served in any and every way that was required, and finally, to the several thousand contributors to our campaign fund, to each of these our heartfelt thanks are returned with the assurance of our lasting appreciation and gratitude.

PROLETARIAN CAMPAIGN FUND.

The contributors to our fund embraced the entire range of proletarian victims of capitalist misrule. The pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters came from the scant hoard of the poorest and from almost every country on the face of the earth. Never was such a fund contributed in all our political history. Hundreds of incidents, many of them pathetic to the last degree, are interwoven in these poverty-breathing contributions. Widows and orphans, helpless old soldiers, the blind, the halt, and the lame, the sister of the redlight, the gambler, the thief, the broken-down wage-slave, the sweatshop victim, the convict, the tramp-all are represented in this proletarian fund. As I meditate upon this fund and its thousands of sorrowing sources and of the countless heartaches from which it sprang I am moved to tears and I long for the pen of a Victor Hugo to immortalize its mournful story in classic literature.

To each and all of these and especially to the poorest who contributed their precious pennies my heart goes out in grateful acknowledgment and in deathless love. I may never repay but I can never forget. They have given me their all, including themselves and I owe all to them, including my life to the very last drop in my veins.

MORE THAN SATISFIED.

We did not win a seat in congress but we won in a more vital way. We more than trebled the vote in the district and today the entire district is permeated with the spirit of socialism. Our comrades are more than satisfied with the result and on the Sunday following the election the greatest mass meeting of socialists ever held in Terre Haute attested in unmistakable

terms the opening of the next campaign. Every influence that the slush funds of thieving corporations could command was brought to bear to prevent the election of a socialist congressman from this district. The strong arm of Wall street was active in manipulating the machine. By order of the eastern magnates who own the corporations that rule and rob Terre Haute not even the name of the socialist candidate for congress was permitted to appear in a capitalist paper in the district, and when his name did appear in some press dispatch or in some entirely personal or non-political matter it was ordered cut out by the vigilant censorship established by the plutocratic oligarchy for his especial benefit.

The voting machines which were forced upon the voters in spite of their protest did their full share to make a socialist majority a foregone impossibility. The complication added to the manipulation of the machine were all in favor of the capitalist parties and all against the Socialist party. Socialist watchers were insulted and ordered out of election booths and other incidents of a similar character, all in pursuance of the pre-arranged program of the election thieves, occurred to prevent the possibility of a socialist victory.

STONE BLIND PLUTOCRATS REJOICE.

The plutocrats and their miserable mercenaries are jubilating over their victory but if they were not stone blind they would see that the people of the class-conscious Socialist Party are up in arms against their outrages and that their stolen victory will but hasten the day of their crushing defeat.

The socialists are the only ones who won in this campaign. The socialists, the real socialists who stand for the uncompromising program of the revolution always win. No matter how few the votes they never lose and their cause never moves backward a solitary inch.

The campaign of 1916 is now closed and its story is history. Forward peace, but who, the moment the Union is now the order, forward to the next battle and the next, always forward until victory crowns our cause and freedom is achieved for the workers

EUGENE V. DEBS

HOW THEY DO IT!

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Investigators in Chicago found 32,400,000 eggs in cold storage while the price of eggs showed a steady increase because of an alleged "shortage" in the supply.

Drug Store owners in convention in

American Mining Congress held in combined on candidates and suffered

might be maintained.

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"I have seen great fields of veg—
that CENTRAL Leather Co. has etables rotting in the ground and was etables rotting in the ground and was etables rotting in the ground and was etables.

This is pretty hot stun from the vote, at 04, for the Pittsburgh Chronicle, a daily of wide while her son, aged 2 circulation:

"While the average old ballot the same way. party voter does not know and could not possibly tell you what his party stands for, it is hard to find a Socialist, even among those who have of the Socialist party can give a fairly intelligent explanation of the prin ciples of socialism. He may not be able to analyze the Socialist philo have accorded it more careful study party proposes to do in a practical way, and he can give you good rea sons why the things the Socialist party proposes to do should be done. The Socialist party differs from the old political parties in this respect: that the Socialist party advocates certain well-defined, exceedingly vital political and economic principles while the old parties advocate not a single principle worthy of the name.

> Petrowsky, one of the five Socialist members of the Russian Parliament banished to Siberia a year ago because they criticized the government's war policy, has been ordered sent further toward the North Pole by prisoners wherever he was stationed It is doubtful whether the luckless Petrowsky will ever get back to civilization (as it is called).

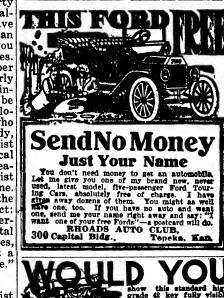
An election, so-called, was held in Tiflis, one of the larger cities of the Caucasus, and to the surprise of the ruling class five Socialists were chosen to the City Council. This was done without any public agitation, which is now practically a criminal offense in any part of Russia, but a pretty successful underground system seems to have been used.

Thirty-six committeemen of the Socialist party in Roumania have been arrested upon charges of conspiring against the government's war policy. The accused are said to have urged workingmen to refuse to go to the front to become cannon fodder for the further aggrandizement of the

In Stockholm, Sweden, a mass meeting was held one day recently, which was attended by 20,000 people, to protest against the imprisonment of Hoaglund, the Socialist, who was convicted on the charge of advising workingmen to refuse to serve if war

In Switzerland the Socialists con-"The greatest in the world and the held. In Winterthur, in special elec-

> It gave an Illinois mother, whom we know, great joy to cast her first vote, at 64, for the Benson electors, while her son, aged 22, used his first



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## Wilson Is Going To Try To **Smash The Socialist Party**

By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Correspondence.) Washington.—Well, it's four years more of Wilson. It's scheduled, according to the inside dope here, to be four years growing up in the United States pose of smashing the Socialist party and building up a Liberal party which will perpetuate itself in office ad infinitum. This is a phenomenon of the greatest significance to labor—and the unexpected smallness of the Soc-

ialist vote is part of the story. Wilson is not a labor President, never has been and never really will be. He may be a reformers' President, or a prolabor President. While he is undoubtedly more intelligent about and sympathetic with labor than Hughes—around election time he is not fundamentally social. istic. He may take steps toward to convey an opposite idea. government ownership, which steps will draw into his train many more radicals, but Wilson will never take a step towards smashing the wage system or lessening the control of industry by the trusts.

#### Plays Old Game.

Wilson's re-election will force the resignation of some of the old-time, old-line Democratic plutes, and in their places will come new men, less reactionary. Wilson's appointments have played to the radicals, and there is every indication that he will seek to weaken the radicals and strengthen the Democratic party by continuing this easy game. It is an old, old game, with great profit for those that play

But Labor, thru the coming four years, must not be led astray or amazed at Wilson's apparent desire to be a Labor President.

1. Labor must realize that the revise the tariff three years ago. in order, so he said, to reduce the cost of living.

### Exploitation Unchecked.

| trustify and grow great so that America may compete with foreign nations.

3. Labor must realize that. for better or for worse, there is What will they expect of him? of half-baked radicalism with a military system which is im- be left alone. The stir of industry the unavowed but earnest purposing an annual burden of has quickened the feeling of the hundreds of millions of dollars people only in the cities; strangely upon the backs of the workinglass quickened the cities; strangely enough Louisiana elected a protectionist congressman. Otherwise the class—a system at present profitable only to the employing between what was and what is yet to will have no similar regret. class. To Woodrow Wilson more be down South. than to any other one man belongs the credit for this achievement.

4. Labor must also realize beef, feel the same mistrust of Wall that not a single revolutionary Street that is felt by the mortgaged piece of labor legislation has small holder. And neither is seriously been enacted during the four railroads, the machinery and fertilizer gressives' President, but not a years of Wilson. This cannot be industries. too often repeated, for the Democratic President Gompers of the American Federation of readily be adopted in the East but for Labor has persistently thru the the congestion of population and labor press and elsewhere sought political power.

5. Labor must realize that Mr. Wilson proposes no scheme South than he did four years ago. He is really a part of the big push. to give labor a just share of the has not been permitted to stand still wealth produced by it, and that he proposes no scheme to socfour years. To spurn the new alleialize the big industries or reduce the staggeringly topheavy mortgages upon the common people of Capital. people of Capital.

Must Toil Hard.

6. Labor must realize, lastly, proposed by the President, possibly connection. It all goes to show that that the astutest politician in at the coming session of Congress. thinking people know what is going on and are taking notice of the appointed."

To ined a new phrase, Blessed are they who expect thinking people know what is going on and are taking notice of the appointed." this government and that his in the next four years. If Wilson is ialists and near-Socialists as he can. Whereas the election of the Socialist party to strike out and the Soc Hughes would have meant an almost automatic growth of Socialism as a political party,

Eight Socialist party to strike out and gain whatever handicap it can in winning the sympathy of the women of the nation.

Furthermore, Mr. Wilson has some the election of Wilson means that growth can be gained only his obligations with heavy interest. by the hardest kind of drudging He has won the enmity of Wall

A new day has dawned—another day and another chapter his refusal to take action against cost of living in the United in Labor's slow struggle upward the trusts—his being the first ad-States is higher today than it against tremendous, discouraging circums to hamper the trusts by court action. was when Wilson undertook to ing odds and betraying circumstances.

> Unofficial returns give Dr. James I'. Reid, Socialist, a plurality of 27 have been feeling. The day after for member of the state legislature from the Ninth district of Providence, Rhode Island. Unofficial returns from nation, the Union Pacific Railroad be-

hailed in London as a victory for the allies—which it would have been.

This may cause some tall thinking among the Germans who cut Mr. Wilit may give him new strength Scholarship Contest News! in the next Congressional contest. Mr. Wilson may pay his debts to Wall Street, likewise to the corporation controlled bosses in the Demo-

something.

Mr. Hughes was announced, there appeared two incidents which show

election, and on the strength of Mr.

that is sure to convulse the nation with others when the war is over. hence and destroy the Republican party altogether

Or the Democratic party may rewhich it has not strayed very far, successful as the Republican party. Aside from pressing economic con class sentiment in this nation will de-

Then fill out the coupon at once and mail it ment will make. The Socialist party should enter upon its work right now as the it were sure of carrying the election fluence for progress; the point has been reached, for the first time in old represents the most important split among the has-beens. n the nation.

cide how much progress the govern-

It is up to the Socialist party to from them, and to secure the political power which will put an end to the League of South Africa, the election taking of unearned profits by the plutocracy

to go. And when he can go no further, clean slate. the Socialist party will take up the work and go ahead with it.

The Socialist party must lead the

The Fusion Liberal-Conservative The Fusion Liberal-Conservative party will hang on to the State government of West Australia for a while longer Ex-Promior Seeddan where the seed of the conservative party will hang on to the State government of West Australia for a while longer Ex-Promior Seeddan to while longer. Ex-Premier Scaddan, Laborite, was defeated in a special cry. You can secure five acres and election in Perth by a small majority an interest in the canning factory by election in Perth by a small majority in a record vote polled. The old parties were solidly combined and enough Laborites were in the European war "fighting for King and country" to "fighting for King and country" to Scaddan's defeat. On two ing their seats.

Anyhow, the half-done Socialists How Far Can Wilson Go? got something now" and they have got four years to get out of it.

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

Mason and Dixon line is the barrier

There is no mistaking the radical

West Is The Spur.

elections.

A vote won in time means nine, for Woodrow Wilson was re-elected each new recruit enlisted has a long time to do some recruiting on his President by the support of the South and West. It was a partnerown hook. ship of the most reactionary and

Socialism, like Liberty or Truth, most progressive old party elements. is something that you cannot have a part of; you can only gain or lose Of course the South would like to the whole, you cannot gain or lose a

> Francis Willard said: "Would that leaders, serve your country so you In case of the Republicans and Demo-

Do your 1920 campaigning early. sentiment of the West. Populism is It is easier to make converts to Socnot rooted out; the big farmers, fatialism now than in the heat of pretened upon top prices for wheat and election excitement. Voters now have time to ponder the truths you preach. We are sorry Mr. Hughes will not

cutting the high cost of living. Not that he would lower prices a single The West is also the experiment cent, but it would give us merriment to see him pretend to try. You comrades who voted the ticket for the first time, get in line with

have a chance to try his hand at

the rest of the boosters for Socialism by joining the party. It gives one a laboring class, the very ones who lot of encouragement to feel that he should have voted for us, voted Mr. Wilson owes no more to the In Montreal, Canada, an effort was made to amend the constitution of the Labor party to permit the seating of

lections.

Ever notice how few serious
It seems quite reasonable to premagazine articles you can find which dict that woman suffrage will be do not mention Socialism in some

movement. game is to disturb business as little as possible, while enticing into his fold as many of the Socialist party to put the issue of entitle as possible as many of the Socialist party to put the issue of entitle and that his going ahead, he will steal this march on the Republican party.

Among many so-called social workers it is contended that there are two causes of poverty—lack of brains and ers it is contended that there are two was turned loose.

> While the republican and demo-Furthermore, Mr. Wilson has some cratic partisans were tearing their hair in the two days of uncertainty Street. Goodness knows what more they expected of him than the pas-sage of the Federal Reserve Act and

is low wages.

An English view of it: "We must associate with. in the future recognize the U.S. as a serious competitor on the sea."— To be sure, when the election of the way the plutocrats of the country as England's maritime rival.

> campaign between the old parties is you have them there when there is that Charles E. Hughes is off the something worth while doing. Supreme Court bench. It will not make much difference to him tho, for now he will be a corporation lawyer instead of a corporation judge.

another four year course. The major see the opportunities that are be achieved thru the Democratic have to be told what to do. Others party." Several million workers who are not so quick to see these things voted for Wilson are enrolled. Will as we are. enough graduate into the Socialist desires, the same hopes and fears but he goes ahead, he can accomplish the course unnecessary?

> Whenever any piece of "Humanitarian" legislation is offered the
> workers by the old parties it is always backed up by the argument that
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> really can do if he is a member of
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> really can do if he is a member of
> ln the fight until we win", says Comrade
> William E. Finchum, of Martinsville, Ind.,
> as he sends in a list of eight. ployer for his sacrifice. Whether this and debates. You have all kinds of is true or whether it is employed as an excuse, it shows whom our legislators most want to please building affairs and intertwined thrust the compensate the emission of these bases where the compensate the emission of the compensate the compensate the compensate the lators most want to please.

The position of the present day Church of England, which is Cathol-Church of England, which is Cathol-icism with King George for its Pope, there is for real service to your felis made clear from this quotation low man. What a vast field there is from a recent article by Henry Craik. for anyone who desires to do things "But if it (a liberal theology) presumes to impose the Shibboleths of the YPSL, is the one place where you political Radicalism and to identify can do your little share and where the teents of internationalism Socialism with th faith of the church, it MUST BE TAUGHT ITS PLACE AND DISCIPLINED INTO ORD-

Election for part of the National Senate occurred in Sweden a few days ago. Control was not changed. the Conservatives maintaining their strength, the Liberals lost two and when next the canvass closes. Not the Socialists own two seats. A notonly is the party an enduring in- able incident was the defeat of Prof. Steffens for re-election. He was a Socialist and became a warmonger, party history, when the President baldly states that the class struggle and is now out of Parliament and

Despite the coercive methods pracgrouse the workers as never before ticed against the Socialists in South in all parts of the country. I think the to a sense of solidarity, especially to Africa, the movement is going forseize the opportunity of the present ward. In the school elections recently ican Socialist should tell the comflush times to better their lot, to win held in Johannesburg, the Socialists rades just who this man is. I underback a larger measure of the wealth polled one-fifth of the total vote. Ac- stand he voted for Wilson in the last which they create and which is taken cording to the International, the organ of the International Socialist showed a strong growth of Socialist Mr. Wilson will go just as far as ganization. The labor vote was scatthe Socialist movement compels him tered and the Socialists alone had a

> IS HE CRAZY? The owner of a large plantation in Mississippi, where the fine figs grow, is giving away a few fivesupply a co-operative canning, factmay be method in his madness.

Right On The Job Not dismayed in the least over the

defeat of Eugene V. Debs this year the Fifth Indiana Congressional District Socialists are already planning for the 1918 congressional campaign, when it is hoped that Debs will again be the candidate. On advice of Debs it was decided not to go to the courts in a contest of the recent election.

"I do not think anything could be gained," he said, "by petitioning for a recount. I have had considerable experience with capitalistic courts. I were young again, Socialism should All the chances would be against us have my life." Women who would be as we would enter a hostile court. crats it is different. They enter their own courts. It would be a vain and fruitless effort for us.

"We lost many votes thru use of the voting machines. There was evidently some fraud and many voted other tickets thinking they had voted the Socialist ticket.

Need Real Union Men. "Large numbers of Terre Haute union men voted against us. We need real union men. On election day they vote for what they strike against al the rest of the year. In Terre Haute we drew largely from the middle class, the very class from whom we could hardly expect support. The middle class voted for us thru sympathy for the laboring class. And the

against us. There is not a corporation more deadly or hostile to the laboring class state than the traction company. Yet this corporations' attorney was elected to congress by the laboring men. This was what might be called the sublimity of stupidity."
Flood Of Money Turned Loose.

Debs said he felt remarkably well over the outcome. "The day after election," he said, "I coined a new

Debs said that a powerful influence Among many so-called social work-

#### Build Up Your League By ROBERT WARK

National Organizer

Young People's. Socialist Leagues. Let's double our membership next

year. We can do it. There are thousfollowing election the stock market ands of young men and women who showed scarcely a flurry. That shows are anxious to become Yipsels. In how much difference there was in the two old parties.

every city in the country there are hundreds of fellows and girls who are looking for a nice jolly bunch to Go out and get them. Don't go out

after them in a haphazard fashion. Archibald Hurd in the Fortnightly Don't leave it to the other fellow. Review. And remember that the Get your eye on some fellow or some present war was caused by Ger- girl that you really believe would be many's ambitions to be recognized a valuable asset to a live league like yours. Make it your business to see that they attend some meeting of the The only good thing which we can league. Don't pick out a dull meeting see as a result of the long expensive for them to attend but see to it that

Don't imagine every fellow and girl is wrapped up in having a good time all their life. Deep down in the hearts of everyone of us is the desire to get out and do something. We all want After all experience seems to be to have a part in making this world the only teacher. She has just opened a better place to live. Some of us subject is "Socialism; How it will not presented and seize them. We don't They have the same ranks in 1920 to make a repetition of their vision is limited. It is for you and I and every other member of the Young People's Socialist League to Whenever any piece of "Human- show the other fellow how much he

Just think of the variety of things at your YPSL is doing. You have dances and Socials. There are hikes building affairs and intertwined thruout your entire league is the spirit of comradeship.

of the YPSL, is the one place where you the work you will do is worth much

more than the work you could do in any other club or society.

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to get dates in Indiana thru the Socialist Party locals. I have no doubt that he is going to try the same thing National Organization or The Amerelection and to the best of my mowledge is not a party member. It seems to me that it is about time to cut out these freaks. A short time secured him for a meeting and they were sure sick of it afterward. Why not make it plain in the paper just who this man is. Yours for the cause,

Wm. H. Henry, State Secretary, Indiana.

European papers arriving state an order prohibiting all mass meetings that had been arranged for the purpose of demanding that the Austrian Parliament, which has not met lawyers. in three years, be assembled to deal have arisen. Austria has become more More trouble is looked for.

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The election of Mayor George Lunn, of Schenectady, N. Y., as a Democratic Congressman has assured the

transfer of the city government back

to the Socialist party when Lunn resigns as Mayor to become a Congress-

man in the Congress that opens March 4, 1917. Lunn may resign before that time, and then Charles P. Steinmetz,

president of the Board of Aldermen,

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in our fight in this district. I am several weeks behind with my work and doing my best to dig out from under the accumulation. But I have no complaint. We did our best and we will continue along that line to the day of victory.

Yours always,

E. V. Debs.

### ROLL OF HONOR

Bronx, N. Y., starts the 1920 campaign by sending in 36 subs for 40 weeks. The list comes from Comrade Fannie Peyson. Comrade L. B. Myers, secretary of the Alpha, Ohio. local sends in a club of four

"Have succeded in forming a club of eight members who are anxious to read the good things contained in our valuable paper", writes Comrade Charles E. Weaver, of Bristol, Rhode Island, as he sends in a list of eight.

Comrade C. F. Schnelder, of St. Louis, Mo. renews his own sub and sends in a list si

Comrade J. H. Blizen, of Edwardsville, Ill., comes in with a list of nine subs.

Another list of nine comes from Comrade Charles L. Myler, of Auburn, Ind. "Quite a few of the old republicans voted for Allan L. Benson for president in our district", writes Comrade Jake O. Salo, of Rochester, Wash, as he renews his sub. "They are all coming to their senses, slow but sure".

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Lake county, Minnesota, elected E. Strand, Socialist, member of the state assembly. Strand received 675 votes to 618 for his nonpartisan opponent. Mattson, Socialist, was elected county commissioner, First district, by a plurality of 2 votes.

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other special elections the Laborites think this man is crazy for giving preventing legislation in the interand Fusionists split even, each holdaway such valuable land, but there ests of the people than is Russia. Plain English—will fit you to qualify

## **Battling For Socialism**

NOTE:—This story appeared on the first page of The New York Globe and gives an excellent insight into the great campaign waged in the Twentieth New York Congressional District which almost resulted in the election of Morris Hill-quit. He was defeated by only 108 votes and a contest is now being planned. This is the kind of work that spelled progress for the Socialist party in many sections of the nation.

#### By GERALD B. BREITIGAM. (In The New York Globe.)

It is night, and a chill wind blows along the gloomy, ill-lighted and de-pressing streets of the upper east side. The red and yellow and green lights in the drug store windows and the other pale patches of light from the straggling sliops fall with a wintry gleam upon the sidewalk. Autumn is fleeing fast; winter presses hard. If ever there was a night for staying indoors by the radiator, with newspaper and pipe, here is one such. But what is discomfort to a Social-

ist? They are out to-night.

As I reach the street level, after descending the elevated stairs at Third avenue and 106th street amid a stream of belated homegoers from downtown, I am caught in an eddy of young men, old men, women, girls and children, swirling about on the fringe of a packed mass of people.

Those on the fringe seek vantage

Those who are packed to-go to meetings."

To begin with, he declares, there gether have found them. In the mid-dle, upon a truck, standing at the end, which has been let down, is a young woman leaning out to address She utters a name and her voice

rings out with a terrible earnestness. "Morris Hillquit-"

The rest is lost in an answering shout that goes up from those up-

Seeking The Candidate. It is Morris Hillquit, Socialist candidate for congress in this, the Twentieth Congressional District, whom I seek. So I press on toward Socialist headquarters, pass thru these de-pressing streets, walk underneath the great stone dike that supports the New Haven tracks and runs down the middle of the district like a spine with little archways piercing it at street intersections, and reach Madison avenue, which is more brightly

What sort of campaign is going on here? What are some of the picturesque details? This I am to find out. Here is Morris Hillquit, author of text books on socialism, teacher in the Rand School, prominent labor attorney for years, standing for congress on the Socialist ticket in a normally Democratic district which elected a Republican last term only by a fluke and eighty votes.

reached, from each of which comes the ranks of those they address—go distinctly the name "Morris Hillquit." out and speak on the street from the Then headquarters, 1538 Madison avenue. A great banner floats above the unteering for the task. street; sidewalk signs are scattered about. Up a narrow stairs one comes ceilinged room. Cutting it in two is a breast-high, wooden partition. There are tables, desks, and chairs scatter-

Perhaps it is a meeting. But, no; there are no speakers. Young women there an artist, tall and thin, with a are busied at desks and tables over handsome face; there a woman school rows and rows of card indexes. Men teacher, with close-cropped gray curls come and go. All is in a mobile, fluid showing under a little velvet cap. There is an atmosphere of bustle and confusion, which I am presently to learn, however, is ordered and precise.

A Magic Voice.

And now Morris Hillquit is foundalmost a disappointment to one who insignificant, he seems, to be a champion of the people, with his slender figure, small stature, and slight suggestion of a stoop. He speaks; the bad impression vanishes. For his we speak on the streets from trucks. voice is jolly, there is more than the suggestion of a perpetual smile about are people's contributions." the thin and lined face and behind the close-clipped black mustache, and the glance is keen and sure and wise. automobile, while a big crowd of men and boys press around so that a pas-

## Henry Dubb Has An Awful Time With His Incentive





Pipes Go Out.





By RYAN WALKER

ing points," he says. "Then we will off thru the wind-bitten streets, to draw up presently at the side door behind a saloon on 116th street. It is

are the sacrifices of the people. The unions and the individual working whom Hillquit is to address in their men of the district send in contribuown tongue in their lodge hall above. tions, which form the only funds of

young men, workers of various sorts, for a month have been bolting their evening meal in order to appear at the ninety union men pay such close headquarters every night sharp at attention that their corn-cob pipes go of voters in the district, furnished them by the campaign manager—a young lawyer, graduate of Yale—and upon which are written a complete history of the voter to be seen. his young lawyer, graduate of Yale—and upon which are written a complete history of the voter to be seen, his political and union affiliations, they go forth canvassing. For this they get nothing; it is all volunteer work. And many more volunteered than were chosen; only those of long Socwere chosen; only those of long Socialist standing who can speak intelligently upon the subject and meet agreements with recent are speech in each tongue the application. It has spent more money for the murder machinery you make your profits from than arguments with recent are speech in each tongue the application. arguments with reason are selected. Every one of the 14,000 registered

Women Workers, Too.

nd eighty votes.

And one learns, too, that night after night women and men—workers from

about. Up a narrow starrs one comes the enclosure behind the fair, indi-to the headquarters—a large, low-ceilinged room. Cutting it in two is a ling to go forth for the night's battle

has never seen him before. Absurdly developed some orators. But, most of forth

First let me tell you some interest- sage must be forced. Then the car is

relievedly

would continue.

will have a long time to soak in.

### We Don't Gare

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE. WE DON'T CARE if you have voted the Republican ticket—that is, if you happen to own big copper "Some days I make speeches in the campaign. But a bigger sacrifice is that of time made by the ardent old and new Socialists.

One learns, for instance, that 100

Some days I make specifical many specific mines and oil wells and banks and is only right that you should vote the Republican ticket, you own that To-night he speaks in Italian, and ticket, it stands for your wealth and your power to continue robbing the

people.
WE DON'T CARE if you voted the Democratic ticket—that is if you own a couple of munition factories and is good and, as he leaves, men smile cordially at him, and those standing over the Demography and to contribute to its cratic Party and to contribute to its

many Hall."

Scarcely has he said that when a man runs from the sidewalk to halt the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure, a well-dressed, prospectively and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the departure and robbers. We do care then and it the rough—and the more begung it is so enthrancing in its simplicity that it is not easily laid down until finished.

stuffed himself across the transom. Nevertheless, way was made for Hill-quit and the Socialist editorial writer who were to be the speakers of the evening. As they reached the platform finally the woman with the close-cropped silver curls finished an impassioned speech amid loud applications and with the manual transposed speech amid loud applications and will be something and will be safed dropped back panting.

To do this we must organize and to route the boss is away, and cringing and when the boss is away, and cringing and working like mad when the report goes round that he is coming—this is the picture presented. The hero, Jimmy Higgins that he is, tries to explain his message around the dinner buckets, his reading and study and the socialist editorial writer who were to be the speakers of the paths of an ignorant but well-meaning there never be another!

Yes, the get-something-how socialists got it all right. For good meast to explain his message around the dinner buckets, his reading and study election returns. plause and dropped back panting.

"Glad you came," she whispered.

To do this we must organize and to organize effectively we need your We do care if you are one of those

The editorialist, a big man, with a magnificent voice and a trick of brutal oratory, had them laughing in who had nothing to say about the a trice. It seems like a vision out of make-up of that ticket. The old party fantasy now—the lights, the ringing politician does not want you to have voice, the intense faces, the close atmosphere, the smell of cooking comeverything to say about the make-up ing in the open windows at the rear from the restaurant below, the striding up and down, the thunderous applause.

of the Socialist Party ticket—because it is your own ticket. Not my ticket plause. And then—Hillquit arose— and the voice of cold reason spoke. They listened in rapt attention while he fed the Party. You ought to help do the them arguments, not personalities. work, you ought to help pay the ex-Now and then a wild, young fanatic pense, and you ought to help wield its in the audience would sing out, "Three cheers for Morris Hillquit," and the crowd would cheer, and Hillquit to help wient its power. It is the only road to liberty. And you want liberty. It is the only crowd would cheer, and Hillquit to help wient its power. It is the only road to life—to its bread and to its roses—and you want bread and roses. So if you are a member of the They hung enthralled upon the words of this little Russian Jew, who Masters of the Bread, if you get your living by stealing what honest labor came from Riga at seventeen and now at forty-five is their champion has produced, then stick to your place in your own camp, and keep your labor attorney, as if their hopes of hands on the reins of your own Demoentering heaven depended upon him cratic and Republican parties. But alone-laborers, garment makers, meif you are one of those who work for a living, who till the soil, and bake the bread, and house and feed and chanics, poor men, and working men And they say it is like that every clothe the entire world-come over into your own camp. That's the Socialist camp. And take your hold on "Wilson Plans Tariff to Protect the reins, and put your shoulders to Trade after War."—Headline in a the wheel of your own party. That's leading Chicago paper three days after election. Wilson was elected by the Socialist Party.

a farmer vote. Concerning the tariff Wilson once said, "The farmer does Waseda University, in/Japan, permits Prof. Isowo Abe, a Socialist, to not produce any of the things which occupy one of its professional chairs. get any material benefit from the This rebel against capitalism is one tariff, and he consumes all the things of the six men who founded the Socwhich are taxed under the tariff system." Will you do it again, Mr. Farialist party in Japan, according to an artic papearing in The Heimin, a Japanese Socialist papear No one can know too much about does not hesitate to give expression Socialism. Begin now to broaden your to powerful attacks on the ruling knowledge, strengthen your faith and class-and still, despite his radical increase your talking power for fut- ism, he continues to maintain his ure campaigns by studying some of position as an instructor in one of the best books on Socialism. Get a the most important educational inlist from the National Office, if you stitutions in Japan No such tolerdon't know what books are best. And ance permitted in the "free" educabegin anew to "spread the gospel." tional institutions in this country, What one reads on Socialism now where the minority must be effective-

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What about the next great warthe one that America is going to take part in? There will surely be one, for why are we going in for all this pre-paredness? We do not know whom it will be with but we know what it will be fought for-for property rights and the freedom of business concerned in foreign trade. Moreover we know that we will be told that what we are fighting for is something else.

Most likely our next war will be with some European coalition over the control of foreign trade. When the present war is over, American business men will be determined to hold, even at the expense of a bloody war (tho not a bloody one for them), the foreign trade which the present conflict has \*allowed them to seize Everybody knows not many of us will be persuaded to follow the flag if we are called cut with the cry Protect our business for the plunderbund pirates". What will be the slogan trumped up for the occasion? Probably the protection of American lives at sea. Already some of the jingoes have been busy demanding that we avenge the Lusitania victims, and the chances are that if the war continues very long another British A page out of the life of Mr. Average Worker—that is what this story is. Nothing more, nothing less. It is reported to have been written by a poorly educated worker who never realized that is him to be the story of the life of Mr. Average Worker as he is, neither a degraded version of him nor an ideal-ious issue. We once went to war with England, hardly a century ago, over the ostensible of the ostensible

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